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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL REGARDING AT&T-BELLSOUTH MERGER AGREEMENT

"I am delighted that my colleagues and the merging companies were able to come to terms so quickly after last week's announcement. The shareholders, employees and customers of the new combined company all stand to benefit from the Commission's thoughtful and prompt action. Congratulations to all."

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